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1. EMBASSY FORWARDED UNDER A TRANSMITTAL SLIP OF MARCH 14
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TWO DOCUMENTS PROVIDED BY THE SWEDISH IRON MASTERS FEDERATION
(JERNKONTORET) ON COSTS AND THE INDUSTRY IN GENERAL.
RECIPIENTS WERE DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF TREASURY
EHRENHAFT AND DENNIS GOODMAN, EUR/NE. THESE DOCUMENTS
WERE INTENDED AS A RESPONSE TO THE EMBASSY'S REQUEST FOR
COST
INFORMATION WHICH IN TURN HAS BEEN INSPIRED BY

EHRENHAFT'S VISIT TO PARIS LAST JANUARY. (EMBASSY ECONOMIC OFFICER MET WITH EHRENHAFT.) MOREOVER, GOS HAD BEEN SEIZED WITH THE REQUEST WHEN IRON MASTERS FEDERATION DIRECTOR GENERAL, ERIC HOOK, MET WITH EHRENHAFT IN WASHINGTON IN DECEMBER OF LAST YEAR. THE DATA PROVIDED, AND FORWARDED, AS INDICATED, WAS TOO GENERAL TO BE OF MUCH USE.

2. IN SHORT, GOS KNOWS OF OUR INTEREST IN COST DATA. THUS FAR, HOWEVER, GOS AND IRON MASTERS HAVE SHOWN CONSIDERABLE RETICENCE ABOUT PROVIDING SOLID COST DATA IN PART BECAUSE SWEDEN'S STEEL MILL EXPORTS TO THE US ARE MOSTLY HIGH-COST SPECIALTY STEELS, FREQUENTLY TAILORED CAREFULLY TO SPECIFIC END-USERS. COSTS VARY PRODUCT BY PRODUCT AND SHIPMENT BY SHIPMENT. MOREOVER, SWEDISH OFFICIALS ARGUE THAT PROPRIETARY SECRETS RISK BEING EXPOSED IN A PRODUCT-BY-PRODUCT EXAMINATION OF COSTS IN SUCH A HIGHLY SPECIALIZED SECTOR OF THE STEEL INDUSTRY.

3. EMBASSY WILL FORWARD MATERIAL MENTIONED IN REFTTEL INCLUDING QUESTIONNAIRE TO GOS FOR ACTION BY SWEDISH INDUSTRY, BUT DEPARTMENTS OF TREASURY AND STATE SHOULD BE AWARE OF PROBLEMS WHICH MIGHT SURFACE. MOREOVER, EMBASSY RECALLS THAT SWEDES ARE RELATIVELY CONFIDENT THAT A FAST TRACK INVESTIGATIONS ARE NOT EXPECTED

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WHERE STEEL MILL PRODUCTS ARE UNDER QUOTA, AS IS CASE OF ABOUT 40 PERCENT OF SWEDEN'S STEEL EXPORTS TO US (SPECIALTY STEELS) AND NOT AT ALL LIKELY FOR ANOTHER 40 PERCENT WHICH CONSISTS OF HIGH-COST PRODUCTS-- I.E., NON-COMMERCIAL STEEL PRODUCTS. WE CAN EXPECT, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT PRODUCERS OF PRODUCTS UNDER QUOTAS WILL CHALLENGE NEED TO PROVIDE ANY COST DATA. QUESTION: WILL PRODUCERS OF SPECIALTY STEEL PRODUCTS UNDER QUOTA BE EXPECTED TO GIVE COST DATA? PERRY

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